



QUESTIONS AND ISSUES SHEET - TV INPUT PROGRAM - "WELLSPRINGS: THE OPEN COMMUNITY"

1. What is Wellsprings?
2. How did Wellsprings come into existence?
3. How is it possible for committed persons of different religious, racial, economic and political groupings to enter into a close community of common interest as at Wellsprings?
4. Are Wellsprings participants able to maintain and grow in commitment to their particular group beliefs and traditions while actively united with one another on the basis of shared universal values?
5. Does commitment to universal values assist each Wellsprings participant in exerting a renewing impact on his own particular group?
6. Does a group of persons united in the name of universal human and religious values tend to be "anti" particular values and groups, or "anti-establishment"?
7. Is Wellsprings really universally open to participation by persons of all religious, racial, economic and political groups?
8. How is a balance maintained among members of various groups so members of no one group will "take over" Wellsprings in its own group interest?
9. How is Wellsprings able to operate on a truly pluralistic basis without utilization of consensus or majority vote?
10. How is it possible to develop bonds of respect and community strong enough to absorb and respond creatively to the force of full personal, intellectual and emotional confrontation?
11. How can diverse and even contradictory action projects be countenanced within the Wellsprings community?
12. How is the benefit of group discernment and counsel obtained for action projects originated by groups of individuals within Wellsprings?
13. How is Wellsprings image and position of universal openness maintained when action projects of public impact may be developed by individuals on only one side of an issue?
14. How are the Wellsprings concepts of community, universality, openness, pluralism, confrontation and freely developing action regarded by other groups with which Wellsprings relates?

